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# Proposed Agreement Would Reduce Number of Sewer Overflows

## City of Portsmouth

Scioto County, Ohio

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### Your opinion needed

The EPA invites the public to submit comments regarding the draft document that will help reduce overflows from Portsmouth's sewers.

The public comment period runs from Jan. 31 to March 1. There are four ways in which you can submit written statements:

- Visit the EPA's website:  
[www.epa.gov/region5/water/](http://www.epa.gov/region5/water/).
- Send an email to:  
[R5\\_portsmouth\\_comments@epa.gov](mailto:R5_portsmouth_comments@epa.gov).
- Fill out the enclosed comment form and mail it to:  
**Sudhir Desai**  
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Water Division  
U.S. EPA Region 5 (WC-15J)  
77 W. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60604-3590
- Send a fax to Desai at 312-692-2981.

### Read the documents

The draft Administrative Order on Consent and other documents concerning Portsmouth sewer overflows are available on EPA's website at:

[www.epa.gov/region5/water/](http://www.epa.gov/region5/water/).

### Contact U.S. EPA

For questions, contact EPA toll-free: 800-621-8431, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., weekdays. You can also contact the Sudhir Desai at 312-886-6704, [desai.sudhir@epa.gov](mailto:desai.sudhir@epa.gov).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is considering entering into a legal agreement with the city of Portsmouth regarding overflows from the city sewer system. The agreement is in the draft version of a document known as a Clean Water Act Administrative Order on Consent, or AOC.

The AOC would require the city to reduce the release of raw sewage from the Portsmouth and Sciotoville sewer systems by taking these actions:

- Improve maintenance, operation and management of the sewer systems.
- Construct specific measures in the Munn's Run and Upper Grandview/Lawson Run sewer areas.
- Implement measures to keep stormwater from entering the sewer system, including downspout disconnection measures.

The order would also require development and implementation of plans for improved monitoring of the sewer systems, as well as plans for responding to overflows if they do occur. The order addresses the first phase of improvements to the sanitary and combined sewer collection systems.

Before EPA agrees to the proposed AOC, the Agency would like to have comments on the order from the public. EPA will consider all comments submitted. Comments must be provided in writing (*see box, left, for ways in which to comment*).